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INVOLVING HEALTH PROFESSIONAL IN COMBATING HARMFUL EFFECTS OF USE OF TOBACCO
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to involve health professionals in addressing the problem of harmful effects of the use of tobacco in the country;

(b) if so, whether the Government has prepared any action plan in this regard ;

(c) if so, whether the Government would taken the assistance of World Health Organisation in this regard ;and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) to (d): The global theme for the World No Tobacco Day this year was `Role of Health Professionals and Tobacco Control`. The focus of this year`s theme is to sensitize health professionals such as physicians, nurses, pharmacists, dentists, midwives, physiologists, anganwadi workers, health workers and others who play a key role in addressing the problem of harmful effects of the use of tobacco.

The Government in collaboration with WHO, organized training seminars and workshops for the health professionals all over the country. A national workshop for key members of various health professionals` associations was organized in Delhi on 31.5.2005 to sensitize the health professionals from different medical fields and the role they can play in control of tobacco menace.